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Applicants : Brendon Conlan et al.  
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Title : **REMOVAL OF BIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS**  
TC/A.U. : 1753  
Examiner : Arun S. Phasge.

Docket No. : 56104576-22  
Customer No. : 26453

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office action dated June 20, 2003, the time for filing a response being extended to December 20, 2003 by the accompanying Petition and Fee for a Three Month Extension of Time, the following amendments and remarks are timely submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

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**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Group Art Unit 1753 at (703) 872-9306 on December 22, 2003.

  
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